Company	Year	
	2005-06	2006-07
Western Coalfields Ltd.	7098.67	7008.62
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	10199.45	11065.50
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.	4008.36	3915.15
North Eastern Coalfield	248.50	555.00
Overall in Coal India Ltd.	51962.42	56732.81

(c) The following measures have been taken for improving anti-fire systems of coal mines.

(i) Computer based continuous monitoring of mine atmosphere *i.e.* environmental Tele-Monitoring System (ETMS) have been installed in some deg-III and fiery underground mines, which can detect fire almost immediately.

(ii) Using modern Carbon Monoxide (CO)-detector for early detection of presence of CO at mine air which indicates existence of fire/spontaneous heating in the mine.

(iii) Using inbuilt automatic Fire Detection System for automatic detection and extinguish fire in high capacity heavy earth moving machineries (HEMM).

(iv) Using pressure-balancing techniques for controlling underground mine fire.

(v) Infusion of inert gas e.g. N_2 for combating mine fires.

(vi) For surface coal dumps water infusion and water spraying arrangements are made. At time shifting of dumps is also done to prevent occurrence of fire.

Pilferage of coal

1407. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coal is being stolen at a large scale in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these coal thieves and mafias have not been restrained inspite of the efforts made by Government;

(d) whether Government has made an assessment of revenue losses caused every year due to coal pilferage;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the positive efforts being made by Government in order to check the looting of coal and to ensure that this unabated pilferage of coal may be controlled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) to (c) The Government is aware of incidents of theft of coal being carried out stealthily and clandestinely. Coal India Ltd. (CIL) and its subsidiaries take measures

to stop theft/pilferage of coal through their security personnel and also with the help of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)/State Government authorities. The First Information Reports (FIRs) are lodged with Police authorities whenever such incidents are noticed. The details of FIRs lodged and arrests made by the police in respect of cases related to theft/ pilferage of coal during the last three years are as under:

Company	2007-08 (upto January, 2008)		2006-07		2005-07		2004-05	
	FIRs lodged	Arrests made	FIRs lodged	Arrests made	FIRs ledged	Arrests made	FIRs lodged	Arrests made
ECL	292	39	334	82	398	136	408	381
BCCL	111	77	164	84	280	235	374	108
CCL	36	1	14	12	19	11	29	21
NCL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WCL	30	56	21	32	25	39	5	12
SECL	34	41	41	55	26	31	51	38
MCL	7	0	16	13	20	37	22	25
NEC	5	3	28	8	41	9	39	0
TOTAL FOR CIL	515	217	618	286	809	498	928	585

Since maintenance of law and order rests with the State Governments, regular meetings are held with the District Authorities dealing with law and order to control theft/pilferage of coal and to review the steps taken from time to time.

(d) to (f) Since the theft/pilferage of coal is carried out stealthily and clandestinely, it is not possible to assess the exact quantum of coal stolen and revenue losses caused every year on account of theft of coal. However, during the raids conducted by security personnel as well as joint raids with the authorities responsible for maintaining law and order of the State Governments, the quantity of coal recovered and its approximate value during the year 2006-07 is as under:

Comapny	Qty. of coal Recovered (in tonnes)	Approximate value (Rs. Lakhs)
ECL	11,444.00	114.440
BCCL	8,785.71	130.096
CCL	517.50	5.175
NCL	0	0
WCL	109.75	1.565
SECL	406.99	5.764
MCL	494.03	3.083
NEC	0.50	0.060
TOTAL: FOR CIL	21,758.48	260.183

(g) The following efforts aremade to check/control of pilferage of coal:

(i) Check Posts have been established at the vulnerable points.

(ii) Wall fencing, light arrangements and deployment of armed guards round the clock have been done around the coal dumping yard.

(iii) Regular patrolling is conducted in an around the mine including OB dumps.

(iv) Armed Guards have been deployed at Railway sidings.

(v) Interaction and liaison with District officials at regular intervals and holding meeting with District Collector and District administration, every month.

(vi) Challans for coal transportation by trucks outside the district are being issued after fixing hologram and putting signatures of authorized officials of CISF to check pilferage.

(vii) Regular FIRs are lodged by the management of collieries and CISF with local police stations against pilferage/theft of coal. A close watch on the activities of criminals is being maintained by CISF.

(viii) Management has been taking action for filling/dozing/sealing/blasting of the old/abandoned/exposed coalfaces in a phased manner.

(ix) State Governments have been requested from time to time by Ministry of Coal to take effective measures to check and control pilferage/theft of coal.

Setting up of power plants in Jharkhand

†1408. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that alongwith National Thermal Power Corporation, Coal India Limited propose to set up jointly two power plants in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the time by when the work on these projects is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Division of Nuagaon Telisahi Coal Block

1409. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the AP Government's proposal to divide Nuagaon Telisahi Coal Block into two blocks has been accepted by Government; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay because the AP Government's proposal is based on the recommendation of Geological Survey of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) and (b) Nuagaon Telisahi coal block, allocated jointly to M/s Orissa

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.